

Beaver Canoe Club Safety Rules

- A. All Beaver Canoe Club Trips must be advertised in Beaver Tales.**
- B. A suitably experienced paddler must be appointed as trip leader for all Club Trips.**
- C. Club Trips must be at least three canoes.**

All trip leaders will bring:

- 1. First Aid kit.
- 2. Paper waivers for any guests.

All trip participants will:

- 1) Contact the Trip Leader at least 24 hours before any day trip (preferably 3-5 days for optimal planning).
- 2) Wear a Personal Flotation Device, with an attached whistle.
- 3) Equip their canoe with:
 - a) a bailer,
 - b) a paddle per person and a spare paddle,
 - c) secure bow and stern lines that will float, (9-12mm X 3-8m is recommended),
 - d) floating throw rope (15-25m),
 - f) a white navigation light if you will be on the water after sunset.
- 4) Dress appropriately for the weather and water temperature.
- 5) Carry a spare set of emergency clothing in a waterproof container (a wool toque and rain clothes are recommended even if you are wearing a wetsuit).
- 6) All gear and equipment shall be tied in so that with the canoe upside down none hangs below the gunnels, or it falls completely free (some you lose and some you don't).

NOTE: Guests are welcome but must sign a BCC waiver. Club members are responsible for informing their guests of the above rules. A BCC member bringing a guest is required to inform the trip leader of the guest's attendance at least 24 hours in advance.

For whitewater trips all participants must also bring/ wear:

- 1) Wet suit or dry suit.
- 2) A helmet.
- 3) Flotation airbags.
- 4) A PFD-mounted safety knife (recommended).